

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2055
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SANJAY GANDHI NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted regarding rehabilitation of slum dwellers in Sanjay Gandhi National Park;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) the action being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b) and (c) In pursuance of the orders of the High Court of Bombay to make a rehabilitation plan for the encroachers evicted from the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, the State Government of Maharashtra has identified two sites, namely, Khom and Shirdhon in Thane district for rehabilitating those encroachers who were residing in the encroached area prior to 1.1.1995 and had paid their contribution towards the rehabilitation plan, as per directions of the High Court. The State Government have provided Rs. 6.0 crores in 2000-01 and Rs. 0.88 crores in 2001-02 for execution of the rehabilitation plan.